

Tufts Medical Center Lemuel Shattuck Hospital



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Transitional Year Program

Competency based goals and objectives by rotation:

Rotation Name: Emergency Medicine Location: Tufts Medical Center Preceptor: James Stephen, M.D. Contact Number: 617-636-4720

General Goals and Objectives: The general goals are to establish a working knowledge of Emergency Medicine. The resident should become familiar with triage, acuity, and ED procedures.

Patient care: The resident will be evaluated on their demonstration of caring and respectful behaviors in the Emergency Department. The resident should establish a foundation of skills in interviewing, informed decision-making, and the development of management plans for patient care. Residents should be able to counsel and educate families, performance of physical exams, and perform supervised procedures.

Medical Knowledge: The resident will be evaluated on analytical thinking, knowledge and application of basic sciences in the emergency department.

Practice-Based learning and improvement: The resident should develop the ability to analyze her/his own practice and need for improvement. The emergency room provides opportunities to practice evidence-based medicine, application of research and statistical method, use of information technology, and teaching.

Interpersonal communications: The resident will be evaluated on her/his ability to create therapeutic relationships with patients and the development of listening skills.

Professionalism: The resident should strive to develop respectful, altruistic, ethically sound practice which is sensitive to culture, age, gender, disability issues.

System based practice: The resident should understand the role of the emergency room as the point of entry to the hospital. The resident should appreciate how timely response of consultants decreases patient wait time in the emergency department. The need to observe patients in the ED while a differential diagnosis is established should also be appreciated. The resident should strive to insure good patient flow while preserving high quality of care. The resident should practice cost –effective care and advocate for patients within the system.

Factual Knowledge	
Trauma/Penetrating Injury	Orthopedic complaints
Acute Coronary Syndrome/Chest Pain	Acute Abdominal Pain Syndrome
Arrhythmia Syndrome	Ophthalmology disorders
Stroke/TIA	Malignant hypertension
CHF/Pulmonary Edema	Gastroenteritis
DVT/Pulmonary Embolism	Headache and migraine
GI Bleed	UTI, pyelonephritis, and stones
Diabetes Emergency	Acute low back pain
Epilepsy and Seizures	Musculoskeletal injuries
Poisoning/Toxic Syndrome	Skin Infection
Head Injury	ENT disorders
Coma/Change in Mental Status	HIV infection
Shock Syndrome	Sexually transmitted diseases
Substance abuse	Urinary tract
Domestic violence	Respiratory infections
Asthma/COPD Exacerbation	Skin Rash
Respiratory Distress/Failure	Establish an airway
Anxiety/Panic attacks	Perform invasive procedures under supervision
Depression	Eating disorders

Clinical Responsibilities

- Review Goals & Objectives of this rotation with your preceptor.
- Develop expertise in the management of common ER medical problems as above.
- Perform complete history and physical examination on assigned patients in a timely manner and discuss each case with the senior resident and attending physician.
- Monitor the progress of all patients seen in the Emergency Room.
- Write frequent and timely progress notes in the patient's chart.
- Inform senior resident and attendings of any and all changes in patient status.
- Attend Emergency Medicine lectures an all education meetings and presentations.
- Review computer based Emergency Medicine topics (E-Lectures).